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**OFFICIAL**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
GROUP 2623  
PATENT APPLICATION**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q56529

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Appln. No.: 09/482,896

Group Art Unit: 2623

Confirmation No.: 7640

Examiner: Mehrdad Dastouri

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For: METHOD OF AND SYSTEM FOR IMAGE PROCESSING AND RECORDING  
MEDIUM FOR CARRYING OUT THE METHOD**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116****MAIL STOP AF**

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 19, 2004, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-21, and 100-114 are presently pending in the application. Applicant thanks the Examiner for withdrawing the 35 U.S.C. § 112 rejection of claims 1, 8 and 15.

**I. 35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejections**

Claims 1 - 21, 100 - 107, 109, 110, 112 and 113 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as allegedly being anticipated by EP 0 766 202 ("Ito"). For the following reasons this rejection is respectfully traversed.